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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Saris and dhoties which are the main products here in Tamil districts are unknown altogether to the handloom industry in Malabar where shirting, coating and such other things are made. In view of this particular difference, would the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of directing the emporia dealing in such stuff to give sufficient propaganda for the handloom products of Malabar? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. Dhoties and saris produced in other handloom societies are consumed inside our State, while the products of Malabar have a chance of being exported to foreign countries. I am told there is a fairly good market for that. When the emporia are opened we will certainly look into these special conditions."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" പിററ് ലൂം വീവേഴ്സിൻെറ സൊസൈററികളിൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന ചരക്കുകൾ വളരെയധികം ചിലവാകാതെ കിടപ്പുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു അവക്കു ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിൽനിന്നും എന്തെങ്കിലും സബ്ബ്സിഡി കൊടുക്കാൻ ഒരുക്കമുണ്ടാകുമോ ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, regarding the pitloom weavers, if the Government reduce the price of the yarn, with the amount which comes on account of this reduction and if the Government give also a subsidy, the pitloom weavers can sell their cloths at cheaper rates so that people can purchase it and the workers also will be benefited. Will the Government be pleased to see to this? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have just answered, cushioning of losses sustained by Co-operative Societies as a result of allowing of rebates on the sale of cloth in order to liquidate accumulation is one of the functions of the Mill cloth cess fund."

The Vaigai Anicut.

* 357-B *Q.*—SRI K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the exact spot where the foundation for the construction of the Vaigai Anicut is proposed to be laid;

(*b*) the probable date of the foundation laying;

(*c*) whether the foundation will affect adversely a number of villages wholesale;

(*d*) if so, for what radius and the names of the villages to be affected;

(*e*) the number of persons and cattle, etc., to be evacuated on this account;

(*f*) whether alternate village sites have been provided for such villagers; and

(*g*) whether compensation has been promised or provided for such adversely affected villagers?

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The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) There is no spot yet selected.

" (*b*) No date has been fixed approximate or precise.

" (*c*) to (*g*) The foundation will not affect any one adversely. Details of the scheme are being examined. Every such work almost always means displacement of some people and adequate compensation and rehabilitation. The precise scope of the project has yet to be decided."

Sri K. MOOKKIAH THEVAR :—" இந்த அணைக்கட்டினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மக்களுக்கு, அந்த அணைக்கட்டிற்கு பின்னால் நீர்ப்பாசன வசதி பெருகிற காலி நிலங்களை ஒதுக்கிக் கொடுக்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already replied that adequate compensation and rehabilitation will be provided for."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the scramble for lands in this area by the capitalist community, to get a fit compensation later on or to get the monopoly of the lands under assured irrigation will the Government prohibit by an Ordinance the purchase and sale of lands in this area within a reasonable radius for a reasonable period."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government will consider this suggestion, Sir."

Maintenance of roads in Kurumbranad taluk.

* 358 *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 9–10 a.m.

(*a*) how many miles of roads in Kurumbranad taluk are under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department;

(*b*) whether the Nadarikadavu road in Quilandy firka in North Malabar is under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department, and whether the Government have any plan to repair it; and

(*c*) what measures have been adopted to construct a road from Kuttiyadi to Wynaad linking up the taluks of Kurumbranad and Wynaad?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Thirty-five miles.

" (*b*) The road is not under the jurisdiction of the Highways Department. The Government, however, sanctioned a grant for the District Board for improving this road. The work is almost completed except for a small portion lying within the Railway limits. The question of improving this portion of the road within Railway limits is under correspondence between the District Board and the Railway authorities."

" (*c*) It is proposed to consider this work under the second quinquennium of Post-War Road Development."